

It is absurd to argue that allowing students voluntarily to say a brief prayer at a football game after school hours violates anyone's rights or is violative of our constitution. The First Amendment was never intended to eradicate religion from public life, and I commend the efforts of Rev. Turner for standing up for the sound values that form the foundation of our nation.

IN HONOR OF MR. HAROLD OSHRY

### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2000*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Harold Oshry, an accomplished entrepreneur, respected civic leader, and generous humanitarian. After graduating Magna Cum Laude from Bowdoin College in 1940, Mr. Oshry dreamed of graduating from law school. His dream was set aside however when he joined the United States Army 9th Air Corps. Mr. Oshry served bravely in the Army from 1942–1945. In the years following his military service, Mr. Oshry returned to his native New York City and became a successful businessman and entrepreneur. He founded the Sandgate Corporation, a transportation holding company, and served on the boards of several other New York based businesses including the William Morris Agency and the Universal Auto Group.

Mr. Oshry's success in business informs upon his life of community and philanthropic activity. As a leader in the New York United Jewish Associations Federation for over thirty years, Mr. Oshry has helped further the public's understanding of Jewish culture and history. Demonstrating his commitment to education, in 1976 Mr. Oshry endowed the Harry Oshry Scholarship Fund at Bowdoin College in honor of his father. Not only committed to university excellence in America, Mr. Oshry's generous contributions to education stretch across oceans. In 1993, Mr. Oshry and his family endowed the Claire and Harold Oshry Chair in Aquatic Microbiology Federations at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Israel. Continuing his service to cultural education and community outreach, Mr. Oshry currently serves as the President of the Broward County Jewish Senior Center in Tamarac, Florida.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Oshry has achieved the education goal he had to set aside long ago when he joined the Army. On May 22, 1998, Bowdoin College honored Mr. Oshry for his lifelong commitment to excellence in education and awarded him the Degree of Doctor of Law, Honoris Causa. I am pleased to commend Mr. Harold Oshry for his service to his country, for his generous contributions to education, and his ongoing commitment to the enhancement of cultural understanding and community service.

### TRIBUTE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF UKRAINE

### HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2000*

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to the Jewish community of Ukraine, and particularly to the Chief Rabbi Schmuel Kaminezki, on the reopening of the Golden Rose Choral Synagogue in the city of Dnepropetrovsk.

This event, which took place on September 20th, is very important, not only for Ukrainian Jews, but for Jewish people around the world. It symbolizes the hard work and dedication that has made the Jewish community in Ukraine one of the most vibrant Jewish communities among the countries comprising the former Soviet Union.

Today in Dnepropetrovsk Jewish orphanages, schools, food centers, community centers, medical centers, centers that provide care for the elderly, and centers for holocaust survivors and victims of communism, are all thriving. More importantly, more than 200 Jewish public organizations are active throughout Ukraine promoting and reviving cultural and religious customs and traditions for all Ukrainian Jews.

While this progress is significant, I want to encourage the Ukrainian government to continue working together with Jewish community leaders to resolve the remaining property restitution issues. Ukraine's record in this area and the Ukrainian government's commitments to future progress will go a long way toward promoting religious tolerance and freedom and ensuring that all Ukrainians have an opportunity to build bright and prosperous futures for themselves and their families.

### CONGRATULATING JAMES A. DICK AND THE DICK BROADCASTING COMPANY

### HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2000*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 29, 2000, a remarkable chapter in the history of East Tennessee will come to an end. At the close of this week, Citadel Communications Group will officially take over Dick Broadcasting Company, located in Knoxville.

Nearly 50 years ago, in December 1952, the FCC granted Mr. James A. Dick a license to build a 1,000-watt, daytime only, AM radio station, and Dick Broadcasting was born. On March 20, 1953, WIVK AM-860 signed on the air.

From its first studios on North Gay Street, WIVK's early days were filled with programs such as "The Big Jim and Little Alf Show," "Mull's Singing Congregation," "The Gospel Train," "Archie Campbell's Hillbilly Show," and the legendary "Cas Walker Live Country Music Show." Such future stars as the Everly Brothers and Dolly Parton found a home performing on WIVK's airwaves.

Later in the history of this radio station, we saw the beginning of the "Great Day Show"

with Claude "The Cat" Tomlinson, Lester Longmire, and "Old Man Schultz." This show would go on to dominate local ratings and remain virtually unchanged until Claude's retirement in 1992.

The Dick Broadcasting Family has grown from a 1,000 watt AM station to 14 FM and AM stations operating in three states. Now a FM station, WIVK's unique mix of country music, community involvement, personality, and of course, University of Tennessee sports, has made it one of the most-listened to radio stations in America from the late 70's to present day.

For over 45 years now, Dick Broadcasting has sought to provide East Tennessee with the best in music and entertainment, and the most up-to-date news and information. When a severe blizzard hit East Tennessee in 1993, WIVK was the only radio station left on the air.

In 1988, Dick Broadcasting purchased WNOX-AM 990, and donated the old WIVK-AM 860 to the University of Tennessee. The new 990 frequency had the advantage of being a 24-hour channel. WIVK-AM 990 soon started adding its own programming, and by 1992 had become its own entity as "NewsTalk 990."

Mr. Speaker, I know that I join with the citizens of the City of Knoxville in congratulating Jim Dick for his service and devotion to the people of East Tennessee. I am proud to call him a friend, and I wish him well in the years to come. I ask my fellow colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in thanking Jim Dick and Dick Broadcasting Company for their many years of service and contributions to East Tennessee. Our Nation is certainly a better place because of people like Jim Dick and his family.

### REGARDING SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 4365

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 27, 2000*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I voted against passage of the Senate amendments to H.R. 4365, the Children's Health Act. I would like to take this opportunity to explain the reason for my vote, especially in light of the fact that I voted in favor of the bill when it was first considered by the House on May 9, 2000.

H.R. 4365 reauthorizes and revises a number of children's health and drug abuse prevention and treatment programs. I am particularly pleased that the bill includes several new initiatives to combat asthma in children. The asthma epidemic has been particularly troublesome; national survey data indicate that the number of children with asthma in the nation has more than doubled in the past 15 years and the number of deaths attributed to asthma in children more than tripled between 1977 and 1995.

I also strongly support the bill's provisions to expand efforts to assist children with hearing loss and autism, the provisions providing grants to states to improve the health and safety of children in child care facilities, and the new programs intended to help prevent birth defects.

However, I did not vote in favor of H.R. 4365 because the Senate included provisions